BEFORE THE POSTAL RATE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

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POSTAL RATE COMMISSION OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY Docket No. R2000-1

SECOND NOTICE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE CONCERNING INTENT TO REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATION OF PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING NO. R2000-1/41 AND MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE CERTIFICATION REQUEST LATE (April 27, 2000)

By motion dated April 21, 2000, the United States Postal Service requested that it be permitted to file a portion of its motion for certification of Presiding Officer's Ruling No. R2000-1/41 today.¹ For the reasons stated below, the Postal Service requests that it be permitted to file that portion of its motion no later than Wednesday, May 3, 2000.

Initially, it was anticipated that counsel for the Postal Service and counsel for PriceWaterhouseCoopers (PWC) would have concluded all necessary consultations in relation to this matter no later than yesterday. After returning from the Commission hearing room late yesterday afternoon, postal counsel sought to bring those consultation to a conclusion, but was informed that PWC counsel had found it necessary to leave his office earlier in the day to address a family emergency and that he was not expected to be back in his office until Monday, May 1, 2000. No other PWC attorney has been identified to postal counsel as capable of addressing the matter in the interim. As a consequence, the conclusion of the consultations between the Postal Service and PWC has been postponed.

¹ That portion of the Ruling dealing with the disclosure of Priority End-to-End (PETE) system documentation subject to protective conditions.

Accordingly, the Postal Service requests leave to file its motion for certification on this portion of Ruling No. R2000-1/41, no later than Wednesday, May 3, 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

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April 27, 2000

Michael T. Tidwell

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.

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